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## EDITORIAL

### SILLY TALK.

It has been said that there are two reasons why people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any mind, and the other is that they have no business. This is true indeed, but the Citizen would like to carry the idea a little further, and find out why some people persist in talking silly, nonsensical, worse than foolish talk. There might be many reasons, but the Citizen has been unable to find a single good reason for such a performance. A number of men, that should know better have been spreading the report around that in 1881 and again in 1890 the Cimarron river has overflowed its banks and rushed through new town down along the railroad track in such a volume and so deep that a man would have to swim his horse where the depot now stands. The Citizen has investigated this report and finds, from talking with old-timers, that there is not a single grain of truth in it.

It is true that the river was high in 1881 and that it did get out of its banks, but within the memory of the oldest inhabitants, it has never risen into old town, nor has it ever been so high that it rushed along north of the mesa on which the water tanks stand. Even the highest water known has not done any extent of damage in Cimarron. There are many people here who can remember back to 1890 and without exception they all say that the report is untrue. Mr. Henry Lambert, who has lived in Cimarron every since 1873 states that the water has never reached any where near the point at which it would flood the entire flat between the railroad tracks and the river, to say nothing of having overflowed down along the north side of the mesa. In order to make it necessary for a man to swim his horse where the depot now stands, the water would have to rise about forty feet. The present channel is wide enough to accommodate an immense volume of water, and when the river overflows into the flats along each side, still more water would be required to bring it up to the danger mark. When one considers that the fall of the river is over a foot to the hundred, and the velocity given the water by such a fall, he will begin to realize the inestimable quantity of water it would take to reach the point that the report insists it reached. When this point is reached, the river would be about a half a mile wide or more.

The whole story is so absurd, and so unreasonable that the Citizen comes near making a fool of itself by noticing it at all. But it is just such absurd and false reports that do a large amount of damage to a city or community, if they are persisted in and not denied. The Citizen can see no reason why such a report has been circulated, unless it is one with the express intention of doing Cimarron harm. While most people see that such a tale is without foundation at all, still there are some credulous persons that might be induced to believe the tale, and repeat it to others who have not seen the situation and who would naturally believe the falsehood. Should this report get out around the territory, it might be the means of keeping some people from locating at Cimarron. In any event, even though it is so absurd, it will nevertheless tend to injure and not help the growth of Cimarron. People who continue to spread a report of this kind are in a very poor sort of business, if business it can be called. The Citizen rather thinks that they are in a very poor sort of lack of business. Any word spoken against Cimarron is bound to retard its growth and development in some small measure and such a false report is the worst kind of "Knocking." The best that can be said of those who are telling such tales is that they are harmless and merely like to hear themselves talk. Let us quit this sort of talk in the future and get together and see what good we can say of Cimarron, how we can help her grow and how we can begin that growth at once. The Citizen does not believe that the report referred to was spread with any intention to do harm, but such thoughtless talk is bound to accomplish that very thing.

Let us be more guarded in our tales, and when we have pipe dreams, if we must have them, let us see if they can't be of the sort as will at least cause no harm. We almost said that if we must have pipe dreams, let us see that they are of the sort that will boost Cimarron. But such advice is unnecessary, in fact, it is pretty poor advice. Cimarron is all here in every respect, and she needs no pipe dreams of any sort to boost her along. The plain unvarnished truth is all that is needed to place her where she is bound to be placed some time in the near future. The truth about the resources and future of Cimarron is good enough without indulging in smoke visions. So let us get together and tell everyone the truth about Cimarron, let us keep talking truth at any and all times, in and out of season, and before long, we will have a town here that will be known far and wide as an up-to-the-minute, hustling, thriving, pushing place; one that will do all things for all men.

### GREATER CIMARRON.

All over the country one hears much talk of greater New York, greater Chicago, greater St. Louis, and greater this and that. All these places are already great, and need no more greatness. But their people go after a thing with a snap and a push, nor do they ever rest. They think greatness, and probably dream greatness. But this is all right, and it is exactly such a course pursued in the past that has made their cities what they are. The Citizen does not believe it is made of too imaginative when it says that with the proper sort of work on the part of we who are already here, Cimarron also can become great. Possibly none of us will ever see it a city of more than thirty or forty thousand, possibly more, or possibly less, but we will see it a place that is known all over the country at large if we do the right thing. It takes work, constant and unceasing. It takes time, brains, and upright dealings with each other and others. But above all, it takes united effort. Every little thing helps. Every small improvement, no matter how small, tends to build up and develop. A tree here and there, grass planted, flower beds growing, yards trimmed and fenced, neat houses, and streets neatly kept, all go to make a town a pleasant place to live in. In fact the "City Beautiful" is what we should aim at. It pays. It means money in the pockets of each and every one of us to keep our places clean, trim and neat. It induces others to do the same, and induces others to invest in our neighborhood, property advances. Others come in elsewhere, and soon we will have a city here that will surprise us when we take the next census.

But every little detail must be watched. Any breach of what should be done, means just that much more work to do in making our already beautiful city what it should be. For instance. The writer noticed that some one had hauled a lot of ashes in cans, etc., on to a vacant lot in the north end of town, and dumped it there to remain an eye sore to every passer by. Because all of our streets are as yet not brought to grade, there are a number of arroyos and ditches that will some time have to be filled. One large one was not one hundred feet from the place this refuse was dumped on. But the person who did the deed, was either too foolish to see that he would be doing good by helping fill the arroyo, or else he was too indifferent or too lazy to take the little extra trouble necessary. Such things should not be, if we want to have our city what it should be. Every one should take an interest in everything and see that at least his own part is done and done well. It is a small matter, but everything helps. Let us get together and look after the little things. They all count. Let each do his best and do it at all times. It may be a little trouble, but in the end it will pay over a thousand fold. Let us see that in the future unsightly objects such as ashes and refuse are not thrown promiscuously around. There are plenty of places where just such material is

needed for filling purposes. Why not take advantage of being able to do some good to others as well as helping yourself get rid of such material.

### LEAP TO DEATH FROM SIX STORY BUILDING

New York, April 27.—Despondent because of financial troubles, Long Wundo, 40 years of age, a Chinaman prominent among his countrymen in this city, committed suicide early today by jumping from the roof of a six-story tenement house in Eighth avenue. He was almost instantly killed.

Long was a member of the firm of Long, Song Ti & Co., dealers in art curios in Fifth avenue. The demand for Chinese curios disappeared almost entirely as a result of the recent financial crisis in this country, according to one of the dead man's friends, and Long's firm suffered severely and Long became despondent.

The firm of which Long was a member has branches in Canton and Hong Kong and Long had a jewelry business in San Francisco. He was reputed to be wealthy.

### JURY IN BAVARI CASE

Canon City, April 27.—A jury was secured tonight in the case of Antonio Bavari, the Florence Italian charged with the murder of four of his countrymen. The opening arguments were heard and the taking of evidence will begin in the morning.

### ALIENS ARE GOING HOME

Depression and Cheap Rates to Europe Induces Thousands to Leave

Pueblo, April 27.—Foreigners are beginning to leave this country; imports, but from the inland states they are returning home. It is estimated that over 2,000 have left Pueblo in the past year, and bands of aliens from different parts of the state are continually passing through Pueblo headed for their native lands.

The recent panic is given as a partial cause for their sudden migration during the past few months; this, together with the extremely low rates now offered by the railroad and steamship companies which makes it possible for them to travel from Pueblo to the southern countries of Europe for something like \$50, induces many to forsake the land of the stars and stripes.

Labor commissioners, who have investigated the conditions since foreign labor became in such demand by the big contracting companies, report that the men hiring the foreigners claim they are finding it cheaper to pay higher salaries and secure more intelligent workmen.

Despite federal legislation to the contrary, it is known that in many places foreign contract labor is still used, many of the railroad companies found themselves in a dilemma during the threatened panic of a few months back owing to their inability to let out their foreign laborers, and profiting by that experience new contracts are refused as the old ones expire, and the foreigners, finding it hard to get work, go home.

Most of the aliens now journeying homeward belong to the southern countries of Europe. It is noticeable that the Japanese find this country to their liking and the percentage who annually return to the realm of the mikado is small; the same is true of the Greeks, who seem able to prosper when Austrians and Italians find it convenient to leave.

Another fact the ignorant immigrant is beginning to realize is that the stories of America as related in the other hemisphere are somewhat exaggerated and that even in this land of milk and honey he will find his low labor prices competed by his own countrymen. Through his ignorance he is also compelled to depend on the services of someone, usually of his own country, to secure work and in many instances soon finds himself overriden by a padrone who is as much his master as though slavery were legal. The more intelligent races quickly secure a working knowledge of the English language and shift for themselves, and in fewer instances are discontented.

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